

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 716

By Towns

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ira H. Murphy of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Ira H. Murphy of Memphis, a member of the House of Representatives of the 86th through 92nd General Assemblies, serving from 1969 until 1983; and

WHEREAS, during his years in this body Representative Murphy was a conscientious public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens, especially his constituents in the 87th House District of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, a native Memphian, Ira Murphy was a 1950 graduate of Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial College, now Tennessee State University, and earned LL.B. and LL.M. degrees from New York University School of Law; he also completed graduate courses at the University of Chicago, City College of New York, and New York University School of Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy proudly answered his country's call to duty, serving in the United States Army from 1951-1954, seeing duty during the Korean War before receiving his honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, establishing his legal practice in Memphis in 1957, Mr. Murphy served as counselor to a number of civic groups and charitable organizations over the years including the Tennessee Lodge of the IBPO Elks of the World and the Bluff City and Shelby County Council of Civic Clubs; and

WHEREAS, a delegate to the Tennessee Limited Constitutional Convention of 1971, Representative Murphy served as chairman of the Labor and Judiciary Committees during his tenure in the House of Representatives and was a key member of the Calendar and Rules Committee and the Commerce Committee; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Murphy was a member of the Memphis Chapter of National Business League, the NAACP, the 26th Ward Civic Club, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society in Education, Free and Accepted Masons, Order of the Mystic Shrine, and American Legion Post 27; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy was an active and devout member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, which he served faithfully for many years in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife Ruby J. Murphy; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the life of our former colleague; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Ira H. Murphy, reflecting fondly upon his tireless efforts on behalf of the good people of Memphis and the State of Tennessee while a member of the Tennessee General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Murphy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.